

PUBLIC MEETING

Minutes
Executive Committee Meeting
August 20, 2025

Chair: E. Crowe

Recorder: S. Greco

Present: E. Crowe, M. Iafrate, T. McNicol (Virtual), A. Saggese (Virtual), J. De Faveri, J. Sarna

Guest: N/A

Absent (with notice): N/A

TOPIC	SUBSTANCE/DECISIONS
Opening Prayer	Chair Crowe opened the meeting at 11:48 am with a prayer, followed by the Land Acknowledgement.
Roll Call	All Present
Approval of the Agenda	Add: <i>TRUSTEE MOTION: Recovery of Taxpayers Dollars (T. McNicol)</i> Public Executive Agenda approved as amended. Iafrate/Saggese - CARRIED
Previous Exec Minutes	June 10, 2025 - Public Executive Minutes were approved as presented. Iafrate/Saggese - CARRIED
Business Arising	N/A
Presentation	N/A
Recognitions/Outside Presentations	N/A
Notices of Motion	A MOTION TO RE-ESTABLISH CHRIST AS THE ONLY WAY, THE ONLY TRUTH, AND THE ONLY LIFE AND LIFESTYLE AT THE YORK CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD (YCDSB) - F. Alexander <i>Whereas The York Catholic District School Board is a Catholic institution founded in Christ;</i> <i>Whereas Christ is the Way, the Truth and the Life;</i> <i>Whereas As followers of Christ we are to eschew all practices, doctrines and ideologies that are contrary to the teachings of Christ;</i> <i>Whereas Certain ideologies, practices and doctrines which are popular with the world, but contrary to Christ's teachings are now practiced and spread in our classrooms;</i> <i>Whereas Such ideologies, practices and doctrines are creating confusion among our students and endangering their souls;</i> LET IT BE RESOLVED THAT: - The Director of Education launch an investigation into secular practices in all our schools; - The investigation include a review of: - Artifacts - Fine arts – including (paintings, etchings, pictures, tapestries, etc.) - Literature - Publications - Belief systems and practices that are contrary to Christ's teachings - A list by school is produced, showing the items from 2. Above, being conducted at each school; - A plan be produced, no later than December 31, 2025, showing timelines by which the anti-Christian elements will be removed; - The Religion Department work with the Conference of Catholic Bishops to create a training module for all educators; - The course be ready for March 31 2026; - The course includes guidelines for determining what ideologies, practices and doctrines are contrary to Christ's teachings; - The course be focused on The New Testament with emphasis on The Acts of the Apostles; - The course be specifically designed to combat secular ideologies and practices at YCDSB, as well as educate staff; - The course include: - A unit on how to study the Bible – to learn how to search for answers - Quizzes for each unit - A final written exam - The learning outcomes of the course include: - Who Christ is - What He stands for - His expectations of His followers - The Guidelines around His Way, His Truth and His Life - The course becomes a mandatory requirement for all Trustees and staff; - The guidelines and content of the course be made into Board Policy titled: "Jesus: The Way, The Truth and The Life" - The policy be the "Meta Policy" for operations decisions impacting our Faith. The Executive Committee agreed to expedite this Motion as Action on the Aug 26th Board Agenda.

Notices of Motion	LUKE 4:18 SYMPOSIUM EVENT T-SHIRTS - M. lafrate, A. Saggese <i>Whereas the York Catholic District School Board is a Catholic school board committed to the teachings of our faith; Whereas our students are actively engaged in faith formation and witness through various initiatives of social justice; Whereas each elementary school in the Board has a Luke 4:18 Committee, open to all students; Whereas students involved in Luke 4:18 participate in a biennial symposium at the Catholic Education Centre (CEC), and traditionally purchase and wear t-shirts for this event.</i> <u>LET IT BE RESOLVED:</u> <i>THAT moving forward, all Luke 4:18 activity fees, including the cost of symposium t-shirts, be covered through the CEC's School Uniform Commissions, and that all participating students receive a t-shirt at no cost to them.</i> The Executive Committee agreed to expedite this Motion as Action on the Aug 26th Board Agenda.
Notices of Motion	RELOCATION OF GRADE 9 STUDENTS FROM ST. THERESA OF LISIEUX CHS - M. lafrate, J. DiMeo <i>Whereas St. Theresa of Lisieux Catholic High School (STL) is overpopulated, resulting in overcrowding in the cafeteria; Whereas to relieve pressure on students and staff, consideration has been given to relocating Grade 9 students to a building located few hundred feet from the STL campus; Whereas Father Henri Nouwen Catholic Elementary School (FHN) is experiencing declining enrolment, with several classrooms currently mothballed; Whereas FHN students could be relocated to St. Mary Immaculate or St. Marguerite d'Youville Catholic Elementary School, while still allowing graduating students to attend STL. Transportation may be provided; Whereas staff could contact the Ministry of Education to explore the feasibility and potential supports for such relocations.</i> <u>LET IT BE RESOLVED</u> <i>THAT staff prepare and bring a report to the Board outlining the feasibility of relocating Grade 9 students from STL to an adjacent building, including potential impacts, costs, timelines, and Ministry approvals required.</i> The Executive Committee agreed to expedite this Motion as Action on the Aug 26th Board Agenda.
Notices of Motion	RECOVERY OF TAXPAYERS DOLLARS - T. McNicol <i>Whereas the YCDSB is in debt for over ten million dollars; Whereas the YCDSB has cut programming for students; Whereas the Board of Trustees all signed a Code of Ethics;</i> <i>1. I will act with integrity and work to ensure that all business of the board is conducted with openness, fiscal accountability and compassion.</i> <i>2. I will report to the Board alleged breaches, frauds, improprieties and/or conflicts which come to my attention.</i> <i>Whereas the YCDSB are to be financially responsible with the Catholic ratepayer's money.</i> <u>LET IT BE RESOLVED</u> <i>THAT the Board of Trustees recover all tax dollars that were wasted on the Judicial Review and put back into the classrooms.</i> The Executive Committee agreed to expedite this Motion as Action on the Aug 26th Board Agenda.
Regular Board Meeting Agenda	The draft Board Agenda for August 26, 2025 was reviewed with the following changes: <u>ADD:</u> TRUSTEE MOTION: A Motion To Re-Establish Christ As The Only Way, The Only Truth, And The Only Life And Lifestyle At The York Catholic District School Board (YCDSB) - F. Alexander (Action) TRUSTEE MOTION: Relocation Of Grade 9 Students From St. Theresa Of Lisieux Chs - M. lafrate, J. DiMeo (Action) TRUSTEE MOTION: Recovery Of Taxpayers Dollars - T. McNicol (Action) 2025 CCSTA Conference (C. Cotton, J. Wigston) (Information) Ministry Audit and Response (Information) <u>MOVE:</u> TRUSTEE MOTION: Formal Letter to the Families of East Gwillimbury/Georgina/Newmarket (to Action) TRUSTEE MOTION: Harassment and Bullying (to Action) 16a CTW Report to Board to after the CTW meeting (CTW meeting begins at 8:30 pm) <u>REMOVE:</u> Audit Committee (Public) Annual Report - move to September 30, 2025 Regular Board Agenda

Future Board & Exec Cmte Meeting Requests	N/A
Director's Items	2025 Cardinal's Dinner - Wednesday, November 5, 2025 The Executive Committee agreed that one ticket will be purchased for the Director, using Board funds. All Trustees will have the opportunity to attend using their 2025 Discretionary budget. S. Greco to send an email.
Chair's Items	N/A
Trustee Request	2025 CCSTA Conference (C. Cotton, J. Wigston) Trustees Cotton and Wigston attended the 2025 CCSTA Conference held on June 5 to 7, 2025. A report will be included in the August 26th Board agenda as Information.
Other	September 2025 Calendar – calendar was reviewed with no changes. List of Notices of Motions Outstanding to Date - No changes.
Next Executive Date	Tuesday, September 23, 2025 @ 3:00 pm
Adjournment	12:01 pm – Saggese/lafrate CARRIED